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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Mr. Charles Terreni  
Chief Clerk of the Commission  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
Synergy Business Park, Saluda Building  
101 Executive Center Drive  
Columbia, SC 29210

Re: Joint Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC; N.C. Electric Membership Corporation; and Saluda River Electric Cooperative, Inc. to Amend the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Convenience and Necessity for Catawba Nuclear Station  
**Docket No. 2008-117-E**

Dear Mr. Terreni:

The Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") is in receipt of and has reviewed the referenced joint application and the June 5, 2008 letter of Counsel for Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC. ORS supports the request of approval of the joint application to amend the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Convenience and Necessity of the Catawba Nuclear Station. Further, ORS does not object to the waiver of a hearing.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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